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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Bill Peterson

**DATE:** November 21, 2006

**SUBJECT: Change in the Auxiliary Grant Rate**

Effective Jan. 1, 2007, the Auxiliary Grants (AG) payment for Assisted Living Facility (ALF) and Adult Foster Care (AFC) residents will increase from \$982 to \$1,014 per month. In planning District 8, the rate will increase from \$1,129 to \$1,166 per month. The personal needs allowance for the Auxiliary Grant rate for both ALF and AFC residents will remain at \$70 per month.

For additional information, contact Sandra Coffey at the Virginia Department of Social Services at (804) 662-9784 or [sandra.coffey@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:sandra.coffey@dss.virginia.gov)

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors, Public Guardianship and Other Programs Staff  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Faye D. Cates, MSSW, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** November 21, 2006

**SUBJECT: INFORMED CONSENT AND SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKING  
TRAINING**

The Office of the Attorney General is offering a full-day training that will focus on the elements required for obtaining a consumer's informed consent to treatment and other matters. The training will review in detail the legal alternatives for obtaining substitute consent when the consumer is incapable of making decisions on his or her own behalf. Topics include assessment of capacity, guardianship, appointment of health care agents, legally authorized representatives under the Human Rights Regulations, court ordered treatment, and the Virginia Health Care Decisions Act. The training will be held December 11, 2006, in Fairfax, VA at the Fairfax Government Center. Register online at [http://www.ilppp.virginia.edu/Training\\_Calendar.html](http://www.ilppp.virginia.edu/Training_Calendar.html). This is the web site for the UVA Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy. Registration is required ten working days before the training date.

The cost of the training is \$25 for Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and Community Services Board staff and \$55 for others. This might be a helpful training for AAAs that operate public guardianship programs or for AAA staff who generate the Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI).